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This application is the United States national phase of International Application PCT/JP2003/014485 filed November 13, 2003. Some of the references identified on Form PTO/SB/08a were cited in the International Search Report (ISR) dated February 17, 2004 in the underlying PCT Application. The June 27, 2007 Notice of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.495 indicates that a copy of the ISR has already been received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office and therefore is not included herewith. Japanese Patent Application Nos. 63-42728; 6-134274 and 5-317679 are cited in the specification for the present application on page 2, and Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2002-154823; 2000-140636; and 11-43759 are cited on page 3.

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